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SUBJECT: STUDY ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

REF: A) MANILA 12552 B) BANGKOK 24052 C) STATE 219980

1. INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CENTER (ILC): WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO UNEARTH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REGARDING ILC. WE WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT, ACCORDING TO DESCRIPTIVE BROCHURE CITED REF A, SINGAPORE'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, TOMMY KOH, APPARENTLY IS MEMBER OF ILC'S COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TRAINING. IN LIGHT OF FIRST SENTENCE IN REF C, ACCURACY OF STATEMENT IN BROCHURE THAT BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, USAID AND NSF ARE AMONG ILC'S COLLABORATING AND FUNDING INSTITUTIONS APPEARS QUESTIONABLE.

2. STUDY ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS: WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THE ILC-SPONSORED STUDY OF MNCS (REF A) IS IN FACT BEING PREPARED IN SINGAPORE. HOWEVER, A SIMILAR STUDY, COMMISSIONED BY SINGAPORE'S AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (ABC), IS NOW BEING COMPLETED BY LOCAL ACADEMIC. LATTER STUDY IS INTENDED TO BE OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT OF MNCS ON SINGAPORE; ABC OFFICERS

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WHO HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY PRE-PUBLICATION TEXT ARE

GENERALLY SATISFIED THAT IT REPRESENTS A BALANCED ASSESSMENT OF
THE MNC PRESENCE HERE. STUDY NOW SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION IN
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